



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Fall 2013

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

It was a great summer in Babylon Village and along the Great South Bay. The Village pool re-opened just in time for the heat wave to hit and attendance was close to record-breaking. Swim lessons went on as usual, although they started a few weeks later, and the Annual Swim Meet was, as always, a highlight. The basketball, gymnastics and tennis recreation programs for Village youth were also well attended.

While it may be hard to believe, there are still quite a number of homeowners who have not been able to move back into their homes after the ravages of Hurricane Sandy. It's a tedious and sometimes disheartening situation for these residents, as they wait for insurance money, finalize plans for raising and rebuilding, and continue to live with relatives, friends or in rentals. Our residents, one and all, are to be commended for their patience and understanding as a large amount of construction and re-construction have been going on steadily throughout the spring and summer and for the donations and support that are being given to those most affected. We're sure this neighbor helping neighbor attitude will continue.

As we head into fall, many exciting seasonal events come our way. These include the Babylon Beautification Society's Country Fair on September 8, the ever-popular Apples & Art Festival run under the auspices of Trustee Debbie Basile, and the Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair also on October 19. Check the Calendar of Events on the back page of this newsletter for dates on these activities and more.

The Babylon Fire Department is being honored with the Nathaniel Conklin Award for volunteerism. This award is usually given to an individual but the Committee this year felt the entire Fire Department was deserving of recognition for their hard work during and after Hurricane Sandy. A celebration will be held on September 29th at the American Legion Hall. Please plan to attend to say thank you in a big way to this dedicated group of men and women.

Please continue to keep the brave men and women of our Armed Forces in your hearts and prayers as they put themselves in harm's way in order to insure our way of life. Also remember their families stateside who worry about them every day they are away.

On behalf of the Village Trustees – Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Deborah Basile and Carol Amelia – I send good wishes for health, happiness, and humor to all and encourage you to enjoy the many events coming up. Please let us know of any concerns you may have regarding the Village. Your comments are always and help us make sure Babylon Village is the best that it can be.

BOATING SEASON WINDS DOWN

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports that the reconstruction of the Lewis Pond docks is scheduled to begin this fall. The project will consist of refacing the bulkhead, installing new electric and lighting, and replacing all the blacktop around the marina with new hardwood decking. The renovation is expected to be complete for the start of boating season in the spring.

Please be advised that **all boats in Village berths should be out of the water and all lines removed from the poles by December 1**, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program for the winter months.

Winter boat berths are available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. This program is also available to non-village residents.

SEPTEMBER 8 IS COUNTRY FAIR DAY

The Babylon Beautification Society's 40th Country Fair will be held on Sunday, September 8, from 12 noon until 5 PM. Close to 250 craft vendors offering a wide variety of items will surround Argyle Lake. In the Gazebo area, opening ceremonies will begin at 12 noon, with entertainment throughout the day, food and drink concessions, and a Country Store offering cheeses and fresh vegetables. Children's games and activities will be across the canal. Admission is FREE and this Country Fair offers fun for everyone. The rain date is September 15.

Catch a free ride on the trolley!



A **FREE** trolley, sponsored by the Village, will run continuously during fair hours, starting at the fairgrounds and running:

- east on Main Street to Deer Park Avenue
- north on Deer Park Avenue to Railroad Avenue
- cross Railroad Avenue by the LIRR station
- south on N. Carll Avenue to Main Street
- west by the fairgrounds to Tappan Avenue
- circle through Nehring Avenue
- come back out on Main Street
- head east back to Deer Park Avenue

The trolley will stop at all regular bus stops as well as at two spots along the front of the fairgrounds.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Saturday, October 19, will be an exciting, fun-filled day in Babylon Village. The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual **Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair**. Deer Park Avenue will be closed from Montauk Highway to Railroad Avenue, and the streets and sidewalks will be filled with carnival games, food prepared by our local eateries, and special shopping values.

The 16th Annual **Apples & Art Festival** at the Conklin House will be held that weekend as well. The Art portion will be open to the public on Friday, October 18, 7-9 PM; Saturday, October 19, 11 AM-4 PM; and Sunday, October 20, 12-3 PM. The Apple Festival will take place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 19 from 12-4 PM.

On the morning of October 19, the Post Office Cafe will host its 22nd Annual **5K Run and 1K Fun Run***, sponsored by the Babylon Village Women's Club. Hundreds of runners and walkers will wind their way through the streets of Babylon.



* Some streets in the southerly end of the Village will be temporarily closed during race hours.



GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports the new clubhouse at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course had its unofficial opening on July 31 when the women's league held their "Rally for a Cure" outing. The building looks great and is a nice and much-needed enhancement to the Golf Course facility. A few items on the punch-list are still to be completed and when they are, we will have an official opening where we will be dedicating the course administrator's office to our great friend and former Golf Pro Joe Malloy. Joe was very instrumental in getting our course off the ground and his dedication and love of the game were great assets in the success of the golf course.

Despite the extreme heat in July, men's and ladies leagues continued to have great success. The women's league's Rally for a Cure tournament on July 31, their annual fundraiser for the fight against breast cancer, had over 90 participants. The event ended in a tie for the low gross winner as Cristel Johnson and Marilyn Blum both shot a 32.

"The Village Cup", a competition open to all village organizations will be held in mid October this year. Past winners have been the Babylon Booster Club, the Lions Club and the Beautification Society. Get your organization involved this year!!

For information on participating in the golf leagues or tournaments, or for general course information, please call Ed McCarthy at 669-2340.



The new clubhouse at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course.

S.T.O.P. COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER

Trustee Anthony Davida reports that Saturday, September 28 is this year's Village S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) date. From 9 AM to 12 Noon, residents may drop off at the Village Sanitation Department on Carlston Place acceptable household pollutants such as latex and oil-based paints, car batteries, household cleaners, laundry products, used motor oil and other items. The Village will dispose of these items properly.



PLEASE OBEY VILLAGE TRAFFIC LAWS

Cars speeding and not stopping at stop signs remain a problem in our Village. For the safety of all, please comply with all traffic regulations in the Village. Also, if you must use your cell phone while driving, please pull to the side of the road.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is here and residents are reminded there are steps you can take to be prepared. All homes should have a disaster supply kit which would allow families to be self-sufficient for several days. Secure all items on your property. Be sure to listen to the advice of local officials regarding evacuation and safety measures. If a situation occurs where you have to evacuate your home, it is important that you turn off your utilities (gas and electric) at their main source. Please visit the Babylon Fire Department website for more important tips, www.babylonfd.com.



PLEASE NOTE . . .

It is against the law to park your car on the wrong side of the street, even for a short time. The passenger side of the car should be against the curb when parking on the streets in our Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Fire Chief Paul Twardy announces that the Babylon Fire Department will host an Open House on Sunday, October 27, featuring demonstrations on fire safety. He also reminds all residents that for your safety and that of your family:

- it is imperative that your house number be posted and visible from the street for police, fire and rescue personnel to find you in the event of an emergency;
- smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm batteries should also be changed when turning your clocks back for daylight savings time on November 3.



HALLOWEEN IS APPROACHING

Please discuss Halloween evening activities with your children and remind them that it should be a night of respectful fun. Babylon Village has a zero tolerance policy regarding destruction of property.

BABYLON TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Babylon Tuna Club's 57th Annual Tuna Tournament was held in July and it was a very successful weekend. All donations went to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors group which has been such a huge support to Village residents affected by Hurricane Sandy. Many people came out to lend their support and Sunday especially was a great day on the dock with music and nautical vendors.

As for the fishing, first place in the overnight category was taken by Kevin Cunningham on the *Emily Sara* who landed a 247.6 pound Big Eye. The winner of the day boat category was Chris Halko on the *Laura Anne* with a 140.7 pound Big Eye catch. The inshore category was won by George Yurcak with a 6 pound fluke.



Residents are responsible for any debris left in the street or at the curb by their landscaping companies. Any leaves or other debris left behind should be bagged by the resident and placed in their yard until their regular rubbish pick-up day.

VILLAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Village Pool had a late opening this summer due to contractor setbacks with the re-construction project to repair the damage from Hurricane Sandy. **Trustee Anthony Davida** thanks the community for its patience as the construction work was completed, and the pool opened in time to allow residents to beat the July heat wave. Attendance was sky-high. Several hundred boys and girls participated in swim lessons and the annual Swim Meet. We thank the **Babylon Beautification Society** for donating the lovely flowers planted at the pool as they do each year.

Trustee Carol Amelia reports that well over 500 children registered for the Village-sponsored basketball, tennis and gymnastics recreation programs which ran five days a week for six weeks during July and August. We thank Recreation Director Chris Morra who supervised all the recreation programs, as well as the individual program directors: Connor Hunter - Basketball, Korina Sanchez - Gymnastics and Daniel Coyne - tennis.



One group of winners at this year's Village Pool Swim Meet.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NOTES

As boating season comes to a close, please be mindful of the following codes:

- Boat storage in residential areas is allowed from November 1 through April 1 ONLY each year. Boat storage is prohibited on residential property at any other time.
- There must be at least one clear side yard of 10 feet remaining, and the boat cannot be placed within the front yard setback.
- Boats must be stored in a safe and secure fashion.
- Boats stored on residential property must be emptied of gasoline and other combustible materials during the storage period.

If you have questions on any Building Department issue, please call 669-1300, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM.



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Trustee Carol Amelia reminds residents that applications for the **Village Tree Planting Program** must be received by September 16, for the fall planting of curb line trees in front of residents' homes. For more details, call the Mayor's office at 669-1212.

CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS



Trustee Debbie Basile reports another busy season at the Conklin House. On

June 6, members of the Steering Committee, along with other adult volunteers, hosted their annual **Youth Volunteer Thank You Pizza Party** for local Girl Scouts who volunteered their time and talents to help at the many Conklin House events.

We are so pleased the Conklin House is being utilized on a regular basis serving so many community interests. The annual plant sale in May was a near sell-out hit with many residents purchasing from a large selection of vegetables, annuals and perennial plants.

A highlight of this spring was the Afternoon Tea. Guest speaker Paula Link spoke on how "teas" first started and provided samples of different types of tea. This was followed by refreshments which included a variety of tea sandwiches, scones and desserts catered by members of the Conklin House Steering Committee. The Afternoon Tea was so well received that another will be offered this coming winter or early spring. Also during the summer, the Conklin House sponsored a new program, Tai Chi classes, taught by instructor Pat DiStasio.

The Babylon Village Volunteer Fire Department is this year's recipient of the Nathaniel Conklin Award for their service during and after Hurricane Sandy. Their presence was obvious throughout the Village and especially to those areas south of Montauk Highway, where homeowners trapped in their homes after the surge were rescued and numerous fires were extinguished. The Department also delivered food and supplies and was a continuous presence in those hard-hit areas and for any one in need. Honoring the Department and its many volunteers is a wonderful way for our community to thank them for their dedication and determination in our time of need. The celebration is planned for Sunday, September 29, 3-6 PM at the American Legion Hall. The fee is \$20 but space is limited, so please call the Conklin House at 631-669-8164 to reserve a space.

The art portion of the **Apples & Art Festival** starts Friday, October 18, with an artists reception from 7-9 PM. The public is invited to meet and view local artists' works inside the Conklin House. The house opens again for the artwork to be viewed on Saturday from 11 AM-4 PM, and Sunday from 12 noon-3 PM. Co-chairs for this event are Karen Petz and Larry Nye.

The **Apple Festival** takes place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 19 from 11 AM-4 PM, offering locally grown apples, cider, and pies. Family activities will include children's games, pumpkin picking fun, and stuffing a life-size scarecrow to take home. This event chairperson is Margaret Rohl.

The proceeds of all events at the Conklin House, along with donations from the public, go toward the restoration and maintenance of this historic house as well as the cultural art programs that are provided throughout the year. The Steering Committee thanks all those who support the preservation of this Village treasure.

Apple Festival Chairperson Margaret Rohl is collecting jeans, button-down shirts and old ties for the scarecrow booth. If you have items to donate please call Margaret at (516) 356-1294.



DECORATE A LAMPPOST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 1 will be Lamppost Decorating Day in Babylon Village. The Babylon Beautification Society donates all the trimmings for all the old-fashioned lampposts throughout our Village, and families, groups, and businesses volunteer to do the trimming. BBS will have a sign-up table at the October 19 Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, or you can sign up online at www.babylonbeautification.org.



BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
September 8	Beautification Society Country Fair
September 28	S.T.O.P. Day
September 29	Conklin House Award Ceremony
October 14	Columbus Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
October 18	Artists Reception at the Conklin House
October 19	Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair
October 19	Apples & Art Festival
October 19	Post Office 5K Race
November 11	Veterans *
November 28	Thanksgiving Day (Village Hall Closed) *
December 6	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Night of Shopping
December 6	Christmas At The Conklin House
December 8	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 8	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society
December 8	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

*** There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling
pick-up on holidays.**

When your rubbish/recycling collection day falls on a holiday,
please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled
rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions,
please call 669-4878, Monday - Friday, 7AM - 4PM.

Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7AM - 4 PM

website: www.villageofbabylonny.gov

669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	669-1212	Livingston Center
669-1300	Assessor	587-7707	Municipal Pool
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Parks Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House

Police 911

Fire & Rescue 911 or 226-1212

Village Boards Meeting Dates

- **Board of Trustees** - meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Village Hall.
- **Planning Board** - Meets the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Architectural Review Board** - Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.



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